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SUBJ: SEVEN SASO/BPC DETAINEES RELEASED

REF: PRETORIA A-153

1. SEVEN BLACK ACTIVISTS ARRESTED IN FIRST WEEKS OF SAG CRACK-DOWN ON SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND BLACK PEOPLES CONVENTION (BPC) FOLLOWING SEPT. 25, 1974 ABORTIVE DURBAN PRO-FRELIMO RALLY WERE RELEASED OCT. 7. FREEDOM FOR SEVEN AFTER YEAR OR MORE OF INCOMMUNICADO CONFINEMENT COINCIDED WITH RESTING OF PROSECUTION'S CASE IN PRETORIA SASO/BPC TRIAL. DEFENSE LAWYERS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO INTERVIEW RELEASED MEN IN PREPARATION OF THEIR CASE WHICH THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN PLEADING NOV. 3.

2. THE SEVEN MEN WHO WERE RELEASED ARE: REV. VICTOR MAYATULA, BPC, DETAINED ON SEPT, 25; YUGAN NAIDOO, BPC, DETAINED ON SEPT. 25.; HAROLD DIXON, SASO, DETAINED ON NOV, 11; BEN LANGA, SASO, DETAINED ON OCT. 10; CYRIL RAMAPHOSA, SASO, DETAINED SEPT. 25; JULIAS LANDILWE, SASO, DETAINED ON OCT. 11 AND MAHLOMOLA SKOSANA, BPC, DETAINED ON OCT. 7.

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EM SAG SOURCES ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THREE BLACK WHO HAD

APPEARED AS PROSECUTION WITNESSES IN PRETORIA TRIAL;
HARRY SINGH, AHMED BAWA AND JONAS LEDWABA /REFAIR) HAVE
FORMALLY BEEN RELEASED.
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